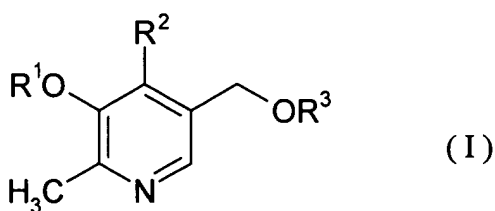


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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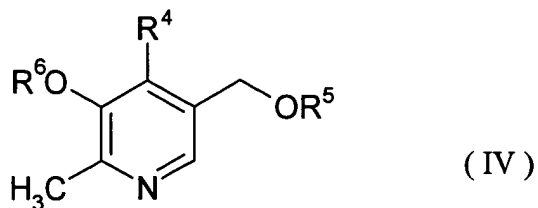
1. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula (I) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^1 represents a glycosyl group, a phosphate group, or a cyclic phosphate group bound to R^2 ; R^2 represents $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{CH}_2$ -amino acid residue, or $-\text{CH}_2-\text{OPO}_2\text{H}$; and R^3 represents hydrogen atom, or $-\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$.

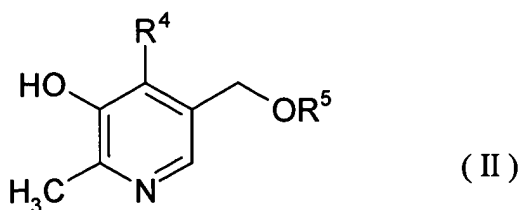
2. (Original) The compound or a salt thereof according to claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of pyridoxine 3- β -glucoside, pyridoxine 3- α -glucoside, pyridoxamine 3- β -glucoside, pyridoxamine 3- α -glucoside, pyridoxal 3- β -glucoside, pyridoxal 3- α -glucoside, pyridoxine 3- β -galactoside, pyridoxine 3- α -galactoside, N-(4-pyridoxylmethylene)-L-serine 3- β -glucoside, N-(4-pyridoxylmethylene)-L-serine 3- α -glucoside, pyridoxine 3-phosphate, pyridoxine 3,4'-cyclic phosphate, and N-(4-pyridoxylmethylene)-L-serine 3-phosphate, or a salt thereof.

3. (Original) A compound represented by the following general formula (IV) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^4 represents $-CH_2OH$, $-CHO$, or $-CH_2NH_2$, or represents $-CH_2OH$, $-CHO$, or $-CH_2NH_2$ protected with a protective group; R^5 represents hydrogen atom, a protective group of hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, or a protected phosphate group; and R^6 represents a glycosyl group which may have a protective group, or a phosphate group which may have a protective group.

4. (Original) A method for preparing a compound represented by the general formula (I) or a salt thereof according to claim 1, which comprises the step of reacting a compound represented by the following general formula (II) or a salt thereof:



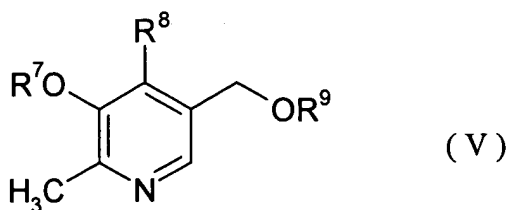
wherein R^4 represents $-CH_2OH$, $-CHO$, or $-CH_2NH_2$, or represents $-CH_2OH$, $-CHO$, or $-CH_2NH_2$ protected with a protective group; and R^5 represents hydrogen atom, a

protective group of hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, or a protected phosphate group, with a compound represented by the following general formula (III):



wherein R^6 represents a glycosyl group which may have a protective group, and X represents a leaving group, to obtain a compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to claim 3, and if necessary, the step of deprotecting the compound represented by the aforementioned general formula (IV).

5. (Original) A composition for a cosmetic, a medicament, a foodstuff, and/or a feed comprising a compound represented by the following general formula (V) or a salt thereof:



wherein R^7 represents a glycosyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfate group, or a cyclic phosphate group bound to R^8 ; R^8 represents $-CH_2OH$, $-CHO$, $-CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2$ -amino acid residue, or $-CH_2-OPO_2H$; and R^9 represents hydrogen atom, or $-PO_3H_2$.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for stabilizing a vitamin contained in a cosmetic, a medicament, a foodstuff, and/or a feed by adding a compound represented by the general formula (V) or a salt thereof mentioned in claim 5 to the composition

cosmetic, the medicament, the foodstuff, and/or the feed.

7. (Original) A composition for a cosmetic, a medicament, foodstuff, and/or a feed containing a compound represented by the general formula (V) or a salt thereof mentioned in claim 5 and at least one kind of vitamin, wherein stability of the vitamin is improved.

8. (Original) The composition for cosmetics according to claim 5, which is a whitening agent, an anti-aging agent, and/or an agent for suppressing wrinkle formation by exposure to ultraviolet light.

9. (Original) A composition comprising (A) a compound represented by the general formula (V) according to claim 5, and (B) one or more kinds of substances selected from the group consisting of a whitening agent, an antioxidant, an antiphlogistic, a circulation accelerator, a cell activation agent, and an ultraviolet absorber, which is used as a whitening agent, an anti-aging agent, and/or an agent for suppressing wrinkle formation by exposure to ultraviolet light.

10. (Original) A whitening agent containing (A) a compound represented by the general formula (V) mentioned in claim 5, and (B) arbutin.